

Featuring X-ray Tube Technology – No Radioactive Isotopes.

Detection Limit Guidelines

Low-Density Sample Types (Soils, powders, liquids)

Detection Limit Guidelines:

- LOD 1% – 5%
- 250 – 2,500 ppm
- 10 – 100 ppm
- 50 – 150 ppm
- Not measured

Diagram illustrating the principal lines (K_{α1}, K_{β1}, L_{α1}, L_{β1}) and their corresponding energy levels (keV) for Silver (Ag, Atomic number 47). Labels include Symbol, Atomic number, and Principal lines keV.

Alloy Elements and Detection Limit Guidelines:

Elements Detected Titanium (Ti, Z=22) through Plutonium (Pu, Z=94)
typically 0.1% – some elements as low as 0.01%

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3.31 K 19	3.59 Ca 20	3.69 Sc 21	4.01 Ti 22	4.09 V 23	4.46 Cr 24	4.51 Mn 25	4.93 Fe 26	4.95 Co 27	5.43 Ni 28	5.41 Cu 29	5.95 Zn 30	5.9 Ga 31	6.49 Ge 32	6.4 As 33	7.06 Se 34	6.93 Br 35	7.65 Kr 36	7.48 Rb 37	8.26 Sr 38	8.05 Y 39	8.91 Zr 40	8.64 Nb 41	9.57 Mo 42	9.25 Tc 43	10.26 Ru 44	9.89 Rh 45	10.98 Pd 46	10.54 Ag 47	11.73 Cd 48	11.22 In 49	12.5 Sn 50	11.92 Sb 51	13.29 Te 52	12.65 I 53	14.11 Xe 54																																						
13.4 Rb 37	14.96 Sr 38	14.17 Y 39	15.84 Zr 40	14.96 Nb 41	16.74 Mo 42	15.78 Tc 43	17.67 Ru 44	16.62 Rh 45	18.62 Pd 46	17.48 Ag 47	20.62 Cd 48	18.37 In 49	20.22 Sn 50	21.8 Sb 51	22.72 Te 52	21.18 I 53	23.82 Xe 54	22.16 Cs 55	24.94 Ba 56	23.17 La 57	26.1 Ce 58	22.61 Pr 59	26.1 Nd 60	24.94 Pm 61	24.21 Sm 62	27.28 Eu 63	25.27 Gd 64	28.49 Tb 65	26.36 Dy 66	29.73 Ho 67	27.47 Er 68	31 Tm 69	28.61 Yb 70	32.29 Lu 71	29.78 Hf 72	33.62 Ta 73	29.8 W 74	33.62 Re 75	29.78 Os 76	33.62 Ir 77	29.78 Pt 78	33.62 Au 79	29.78 Hg 80	33.62 Tl 81	29.78 Pb 82	33.62 Bi 83	29.78 Po 84	33.62 At 85	29.78 Rn 86																								
30.97 Cs 55	34.99 Ba 56			55.79 Hf 72	63.23 Ta 73	57.53 W 74	65.22 Re 75	59.32 Os 76	67.24 Ir 77	61.14 Pt 78	69.31 Au 79	63 Hg 80	71.41 Tl 81	64.9 Pb 82	73.56 Bi 83	66.83 Po 84	75.75 At 85	68.8 Rn 86	77.98 Fr 87	70.82 Ra 88	80.25 Ac 89	72.87 Th 90	82.58 Pa 91	72.87 U 92	82.58 Np 93	72.87 Pu 94	82.58 Am 95	74.97 Cm 96	84.94 Bk 97	77.11 Cf 98	87.34 Es 99	79.29 Fm 100	89.8 Md 101	81.52 No 102	92.3 Lr 103	83.78 Ac 89	94.87 Th 90	83.78 Pa 91	94.87 U 92	83.78 Np 93	94.87 Pu 94	83.78 Am 95	94.87 Cm 96	83.78 Bk 97	94.87 Cf 98	83.78 Es 99	94.87 Fm 100	83.78 Md 101	94.87 No 102	83.78 Lr 103																							
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Lanthanides 57-71	33.44 La 57	37.8 Ce 58	34.72 Pr 59	39.26 Nd 60	36.03 Pm 61	40.75 Sm 62	37.36 Eu 63	42.27 Gd 64	38.72 Tb 65	43.83 Dy 66	40.12 Ho 67	45.41 Er 68	41.54 Tm 69	47.04 Yb 70	43 Lu 71	48.7 Ac 89	44.48 Th 90	50.38 Pa 91	46 U 92	52.12 Np 93	47.55 Pu 94	53.88 Am 95	49.13 Cm 96	55.68 Bk 97	50.74 Cf 98	57.52 Es 99	52.39 Fm 100	59.37 Md 101	54.07 No 102	61.28 Lr 103
	4.65	5.04	4.84	5.26	5.03	5.49	5.23	5.72	5.43	5.96	5.64	6.21	5.85	6.46	6.06	6.71	6.27	6.98	6.5	7.25	6.72	7.53	6.95	7.81	7.18	8.1	7.42	8.4	7.66	8.71
Actinides 89-103	90.88 Ac 89	102.85 Th 90	93.35 Pa 91	105.61 U 92	95.87 Np 93	108.43 Pu 94	98.44 Am 95	111.3 Cm 96	101.00 Bk 97	114.18 Cf 98	103.65 Es 99	117.15 Fm 100	106.35 Md 101	120.16 No 102	109.10 Lr 103	123.24 Ac 89	111.90 Th 90	126.36 Pa 91	114.75 U 92	129.54 Np 93	117.65 Pu 94	132.78 Am 95	120.60 Cm 96	136.08 Bk 97	120.60 Cf 98	136.08 Es 99	120.60 Fm 100	136.08 Md 101	120.60 No 102	136.08 Lr 103
	12.65	15.71	12.97	16.2	13.29	16.7	13.61	17.22	13.95	17.74	14.28	18.28	14.62	18.83	14.96	19.39	15.31	19.97	15.66	20.56	16.02	21.17	16.38	21.79	16.38	21.79	16.38	21.79	16.38	21.79

Interference-free detection limits are intended as guidelines; please contact **Innov-X Systems** to discuss your specific application.

Detection limits are estimates based on 1–2 minute test times and detection confidence of 3σ (99.7% confidence).

Detection limits are a function of testing time, sample matrix and presence of interfering elements.

Photon energies, in electron volts, of principal K- and L-shell emission lines.

Element	Symbol	Atomic #	K α_1	K β_1	L α_1	L β_1
Actinium	Ac	89	90.88	102.85	12.65	15.71
Aluminum	Al	13	1.49	1.56	0	0
Antimony	Sb	51	26.36	29.73	3.6	3.84
Argon	Ar	18	2.96	3.19	0	0
Arsenic	As	33	10.54	11.73	1.28	1.32
Astatine	At	85	81.52	92.3	11.43	13.88
Barium	Ba	56	32.19	36.38	4.47	4.83
Beryllium	Be	4	0.11	0	0	0
Bismuth	Bi	83	77.11	87.34	10.84	13.02
Boron	B	5	0.18	0	0	0
Bromine	Br	35	11.92	13.29	1.48	1.53
Cadmium	Cd	48	23.17	26.1	3.13	3.32
Calcium	Ca	20	3.69	4.01	0.34	0.34
Carbon	C	6	0.28	0	0	0
Cerium	Ce	58	34.72	39.26	4.84	5.26
Cesium	Cs	55	30.97	34.99	4.29	4.62
Chlorine	Cl	17	2.62	2.82	0	0
Chromium	Cr	24	5.41	5.95	0.57	0.58
Cobalt	Co	27	6.93	7.65	0.78	0.79
Copper	Cu	29	8.05	8.91	0.93	0.95
Dysprosium	Dy	66	46	52.12	6.5	7.25
Erbium	Er	68	49.13	55.68	6.95	7.81
Europium	Eu	63	41.54	47.04	5.85	6.46
Fluorine	F	9	0.68	0	0	0
Francium	Fr	87	86.1	97.47	12.03	14.77
Gadolinium	Gd	64	43	48.7	6.06	6.71
Gallium	Ga	31	9.25	10.26	1.1	1.12
Germanium	Ge	32	9.89	10.98	1.19	1.22
Gold	Au	79	68.8	77.98	9.71	11.44
Hafnium	Hf	72	55.79	63.23	7.9	9.02
Holmium	Ho	67	47.55	53.88	6.72	7.53
Indium	In	49	24.21	27.28	3.29	3.49
Iodine	I	53	28.61	32.29	3.94	4.22
Iridium	Ir	77	64.9	73.56	9.18	10.71
Iron	Fe	26	6.4	7.06	0.71	0.72
Krypton	Kr	36	12.65	14.11	1.59	1.64
Lanthanum	La	57	33.44	37.8	4.65	5.04
Lead	Pb	82	74.97	84.94	10.55	12.61
Lithium	Li	3	0.05	0	0	0
Lutetium	Lu	71	54.07	61.28	7.66	8.71
Magnesium	Mg	12	1.25	1.3	0	0
Manganese	Mn	25	5.9	6.49	0.64	0.65
Mercury	Hg	80	70.82	80.25	9.99	11.82
Molybdenum	Mo	42	17.48	19.61	2.29	2.39
Neodymium	Nd	60	37.36	42.27	5.23	5.72

Element	Symbol	Atomic #	K α_1	K β_1	L α_1	L β_1
Neon	Ne	10	0.85	0	0	0
Nickel	Ni	28	7.48	8.26	0.85	0.87
Niobium	Nb	41	16.62	18.62	2.17	2.26
Nitrogen	N	7	0.39	0	0	0
Osmium	Os	76	63	71.41	8.91	10.36
Oxygen	O	8	0.52	0	0	0
Palladium	Pd	46	21.18	23.82	2.84	2.99
Phosphorus	P	15	2.01	2.14	0	0
Platinum	Pt	78	66.83	75.75	9.44	11.07
Polonium	Po	84	79.29	89.8	11.13	13.45
Potassium	K	19	3.31	3.59	0	0
Praseodymium	Pr	59	36.03	40.75	5.03	5.49
Promethium	Pm	61	38.72	43.83	5.43	5.96
Protactinium	Pa	91	95.87	108.43	13.29	16.7
Radium	Ra	88	88.47	100.13	12.34	15.24
Radon	Rn	86	83.78	94.87	11.73	14.32
Rhenium	Re	75	61.14	69.31	8.65	10.01
Rhodium	Rh	45	20.22	22.72	2.7	2.83
Rubidium	Rb	37	13.4	14.96	1.69	1.75
Ruthenium	Ru	44	19.28	21.66	2.56	2.68
Samarium	Sm	62	40.12	45.41	5.64	6.21
Scandium	Sc	21	4.09	4.46	0.4	0.4
Selenium	Se	34	11.22	12.5	1.38	1.42
Silicon	Si	14	1.74	1.84	0	0
Silver	Ag	47	22.16	24.94	2.98	3.15
Sodium	Na	11	1.04	1.07	0	0
Strontium	Sr	38	14.17	15.84	1.81	1.87
Sulfur	S	16	2.31	2.46	0	0
Tantalum	Ta	73	57.53	65.22	8.15	9.34
Technetium	Tc	43	18.37	20.62	2.42	2.54
Tellurium	Te	52	27.47	31	3.77	4.03
Terbium	Tb	65	44.48	50.38	6.27	6.98
Thallium	Tl	81	72.87	82.58	10.27	12.21
Thorium	Th	90	93.35	105.61	12.97	16.2
Thulium	Tm	69	50.74	57.52	7.18	8.1
Tin	Sn	50	25.27	28.49	3.44	3.66
Titanium	Ti	22	4.51	4.93	0.45	0.46
Tungsten	W	74	59.32	67.24	8.4	9.67
Uranium	U	92	98.44	111.3	13.61	17.22
Vanadium	V	23	4.95	5.43	0.51	0.52
Xenon	Xe	54	29.78	33.62	4.11	4.42
Ytterbium	Yb	70	52.39	59.37	7.42	8.4
Yttrium	Y	39	14.96	16.74	1.92	2
Zinc	Zn	30	8.64	9.57	1.01	1.03
Zirconium	Zr	40	15.78	17.67	2.04	2.12